CBS Knowledge Organiser

Year: 1

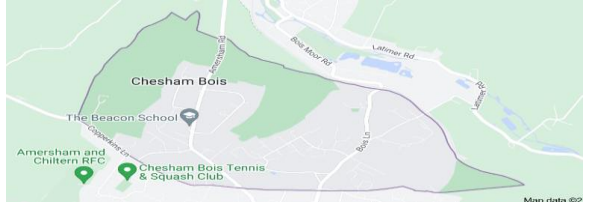
Local Area

What I already know

- Children will know the name of their local area.
- Children will know what can be found in their local area e.g. houses, park, school, etc.
- Children will know and be able to name some different types of transports that they see around their local area.
- Children will have walked around their local area.

New Knowledge/Facts

- The United Kingdom (UK) is made up of four countries; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We live in England.
- England is made up of counties and cities. We live in the county Buckinghamshire and live near to England's capital city, London.
- Maps can be drawings or models. They can help you find where you are and where you are going. They show symbols (pictures) for places such as car parks or places of worship like churches. They also have a key, which tells you what the symbols mean.
- Human and physical features can be found in the local environment. Human features are things that only exist because of humans e.g. houses, school. Physical things are things that have occurred naturally e.g. hills and rivers.



Overview of unit:

Children will start the unit of work by exploring the UK on a map and identifying the country that they live in, as well as the county. They will then look at a map of their school and map a simple route around the school using symbols and directions. Following this, they will complete a tally chart by collecting data on the number of different transport types that drive past the school. Children will also become more aware of their local area by thinking about the different human and physical features that can be found. Finally, children will go on a walk in their local area, planning and following a route up to Chesham Bois Common. When they return, they will draw a map of where they have explored.



Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Local area	The place where we live e.g. Amersham, Chesham, Chesham Bois
Village	Small settlements with a small number of houses for a few hundred people.
Town	A town is a larger settlement than a village. More people live in a town – normally a couple of thousand - so they need more homes and more shops.
United Kingdom (UK)	A group of islands made up of the four countries England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Country	A country is land that is controlled by a single government.
England	The country we live in.
County	A county is a smaller area of the UK containing lots of towns and villages.
Buckinghamshire	The county our school is in.
City	Cities are the largest kind of settlements and often have millions of people living in them.
London	The capital city of England.
Map	A specially drawn picture of a place from above.
Atlas	A book of maps.
Symbol	A picture that represents a word or group of words. They are used on maps to make things clear and easy to find.
Directions	Where someone or something is pointing or moving e.g. forwards, backwards, left and right.
Travel	The activity of going from one place to another.
Tally	A record of an amount.
Transport	Methods people use to move themselves and their goods from one place to another e.g. car, van, bike, lorry, coach, bus, etc.
Human feature	Human features are things like houses, roads and bridges. They have been built by people.
Physical feature	Physical features like seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around.
Route	A course of travel.